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MANCHESTER MAN PLEADS
GUILTY TO COCAINE DISTRIBUTION

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka announced that Edward R. Morin, age 40, of Manchester, New Hampshire plead guilty in U.S. District Court in connection with the distribution of crack cocaine in Manchester, New Hampshire in July, 2002.

Morin admitted his guilt to a one count indictment during a hearing before U. S. District Judge Steven J. McAuliffe. He was detained pending a sentencing hearing which is scheduled for February 17, 2004. Morin could face a maximum of 20 years imprisonment.

United States Attorney Colantuono stated, "Crimes such as drug trafficking impact communities and place costs on society. One of the highest priorities of the United States Attorney's Office is to continue to seek ways to prevent and reduce crime through the aggressive prosecution of these cases. This case is just one example of our continued dedication to that mission."

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the efforts of the Manchester Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.